

CALL TO ORDER

Stephanie Yurko, Municipal Clerk called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM
There were 23 members of the public present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jarvis offered his invocation to the Township Committee and public present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Stephanie Yurko asked everyone to stand and led the flag salute.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Stephanie Yurko introduced Tonya Roth James, a resident of Lumberton and the cousin of Committeeman Dinneen.

Tonya Roth James sang God Bless America.

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT:

“Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with law by: Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex, filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex, mailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times, mailing written notice to each person that has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All of the above filing and mailing having taken place on the 4th day of January 2015.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE PERSONS

Senator Dawn Marie Addiego administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lewis Jackson. Mr. Jackson’s family was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

Senator Dawn Marie Addiego administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sean Earlen. Mr. Earlen’s son was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MAYOR

The floor was opened for nominations for Mayor. Committeeman Earlen nominated Lew Jackson. Committeeman Conway seconded the nomination. Being no other nominations, the floor was closed and a roll call vote was taken on the nomination of Lewis Jackson as Mayor for 2014. Roll call vote: Mansdoerfer – yes, Earlen – yes, Conway- yes, Jackson- yes, Dinneen-yes. Lew Jackson was selected as Mayor for 2015.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR

Lew Jackson was sworn in as Mayor for 2015 by Senator Addiego. His family was present for the swearing in his wife held the bible.

Ms. Yurko officially turned the meeting over to Mayor Jackson.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Jackson opened the floor to nominations for Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Mansdoerfer nominated Sean Earlen, Committeeman Dinneen seconded the nomination. Being no further nominations, Mayor Jackson closed the floor to nominations and requested a roll call

vote on the nomination of Sean Earlen as Deputy Mayor for 2015. Roll call vote: Mansdoerfer-yes, Earlen- yes, Conway- yes, Jackson- yes, Dinneen- yes. Sean Earlen was selected as Deputy Mayor for 2015.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR

Sean Earlen was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for 2015 by Senator Addiego. His son was present and held the bible.

Mayor Jackson thanked Senator Addiego for coming out this evening to perform the swearing in services.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2015-1-001

“A Resolution Appointing Mayor and Deputy Mayor”

Resolution 2015-1-002

“A Resolution Making Various Township Official and Board Appointments”

Resolution 2015-1-003

“A Resolution Setting Annual Meetings of the Lumberton Township Committee”

Resolution 2015-1-004

“A Resolution Delegating Administrative Duties And Powers Over Municipal Departments to Standing Committees of the Governing Body”

Resolution 2015-1-005

“A Resolution Appointing An OEM Coordinator for Lumberton Township”

Resolution 2015-1-006

“A Resolution Making Various Professional Appointments”

Resolution 2015-1-007

“A Resolution Authorizing the Assessment of A \$100 Fee for Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates”

Resolution 2015-1-008

“A Resolution of The Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes of Assessments”

Resolution 2015-1-009

“A Resolution Appointing A Tax Search Officer And A Municipal Improvement Search Officer”

Resolution 2015-1-010

“A Resolution Appointing An Animal Control Officer For The Township of Lumberton”

Resolution 2015-1-011

“A Resolution Authorizing A Ten Day Grace Period On Quarterly Tax Payments”

Resolution 2015-1-012

“A Resolution naming An Official And Secondary Newspaper For The Township of Lumberton”

Resolution 2015-1-013

“A Resolution Authorizing The Tax Assessor the Authority To File Tax Appeals And Tax Complaints”

Resolution 2015-1-014

“A Resolution Setting A Fee Schedule For Copies of Various Documents”

Resolution 2015-1-015

“A Resolution Authorizing State Contract And County Contract Use For Purchases For The Year 2015”

Resolution 2015-1-016

“A Resolution Appointing A Public Agency Compliance Officer”

Resolution 2015-1-017

“A Resolution Authorizing Off-Duty Security-Related And/Or Traffic Control Services By Police Personnel”

Resolution 2015-1-018

“Appointing A Fund Commissioner For The Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund”

Resolution 2015-1-019

“A Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant (Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund)”

Resolution 2015-1-020

“A Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant (Burlco Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund)”

Resolution 2015-1-021

“Resolution Authorizing A Service Charge For Collection of Delinquent Sewer Accounts”

Resolution 2015-1-022

“A Resolution Providing For the Disposition of Overpayment Of Taxes”

Resolution 2015-1-023

“Resolution Adopting A Cash Management Plan”

Resolution 2015-1-024

“A Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Certain Tax Balances”

Resolution 2015-1-025

“A Resolution Setting Mileage Reimbursement Rate”

Resolution 2015-1-026

“A Resolution Authorizing Participation In The Burlington County Shared Services Forum”

Resolution 2015-1-027

“A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of A Municipal Solid Waste Service Contract With The County of Burlington For The Provision of Solid Waste Services”

Resolution 2015-1-028

“A Resolution Naming Financial Depositories”

Resolution 2015-1-029

“Resolution Redirecting Annual Committee Person Salary For Lewis Jackson”

Resolution 2015-1-030

“A Resolution Appointing Hazard Mitigation Committee”

Resolution 2015-1-031

“A Resolution Appointing Crossing Guards For The Township of Lumberton For The Year 2015”

Resolution 2015-1-032

“A Resolution Adopting An Official Open Public Records Request Form Adopted By The Township Clerk As the Custodian of Records”

Resolution 2015-1-033

“A Resolution Establishing A Memorial Day Committee For Lumberton Township

Resolution 2015-1-034

“A Resolution Creating A Subcommittee For The New Emergency Services Building Project”

Resolution 2015-1-035

“Resolution Recognizing Pastor Erik Jarvis As The Lumberton Police Department and Fire Department Chaplain”

The above Resolutions were adopted on motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by favorable voice roll call vote with Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from 2015-1-006, 2015-1-019, 2015-1-020 and Committeeman Dinneen abstaining from 2015-1-028.

MAYOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Mayor Jackson pointed out that this individual was not present at tonight's meeting; however they would continue the presentation. This year it is being presented to Weldon R. Storey, he is the Last Man Standing. Mr. Storey served in the Army in WWII, receiving several medals for his service. A group of citizens from Lumberton who served in WWII formed the Last Mans Club. They bought a bottle of whiskey and all signed a paper that was taped to it. The idea was that the Last Man Standing would receive the bottle. Mayor Jackson has the bottle, which is now empty; to be given to Mr. Storey. The second to Last Man Standing was Ralph Stemmer, whose grandfather owned the drug store in Lumberton. Weldon Storey is now the Last Man Standing. The Committee was hoping to present the bottle and plaque to Mr. Storey this evening; however he was unable to attend. A special presentation will be done at the Memorial Day Parade.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No Public Comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman Conway started off wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulations was given to Mayor Jackson and Deputy Mayor Earlen on their reelection.

Committeeman Dinneen echoed the congratulations and thanked the four gentlemen on the Committee with him for their help during his first year on the Township Committee. He additionally thanked his cousin, Tonya James, for her singing performance, which has become a nice Lumberton tradition.

Committeeman Mansdoerfer congratulated Mayor Jackson and Deputy Mayor Earlen and is looking forward to working with everyone in 2015 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Earlen congratulated Mayor Jackson, and thanked the four gentlemen on the Committee with him for another great year. Deputy Mayor Earlen wanted to thank his family for supporting him during his time on the Township Committee.

Mayor Jackson thanked Senator Addiego again, Pastor Eric Jarvis, and Tonya James for her beautiful voice. He thanked his fellow members of the Committee for re-electing him as Mayor, and the residents of Lumberton for re-electing him to serve on the Township Committee. Mayor Jackson thanked his family for their support and understanding.

In regards to Lumberton we are on extremely solid ground, at this point our budget could be used as a model for other communities; we are spending the same amount of money as we were ten or twelve years ago. We are looking forward to moving forward by controlling spending. We have employees in this town that work very hard at what they do, have learned to multi task and do multiple roles so that we may still provide the services residents enjoy and rely upon. We use shared services with other communities to cut our cost and their cost. Our Police Department is in solid hands with Chief DiLoreto and Lt. Begolly. We received two Hum-V's in 2014 through government surplus as well as a trailer. It did not cost us anything, and actually saved us money since we do not have to purchase the trailer we had budgeted for.

A big thank you to the people of the community. Several years ago we ended the recreation department, and many parents/volunteers stepped up to take over these programs.

Our open space money that has been utilized, we were able to open the ADA playground in 2014, and in 2015 we will be working on a dog park and community garden.

Mayor Jackson thanked the Township Committee for the extra work that they have put in, in the absence of a Township Administrator. Mr. Mansdoerfer and Mr. Dinneen bring their financial expertise; Mr. Conway and Mr. Earlen have worked tirelessly with planning, zoning, and professionals.

We are going to continue to work as a committee to bring in and maintain businesses in the community.

We live in a town that flood, due to the flooding our Fire Department has had to abandon their building. We will be knocking down the old Municipal Building. We have put out an RFQ for a new Emergency Services Building that will host the Fire Department, Emergency Squad and Emergency Management. Our current Municipal Building is coming off of debt service, meaning that the construction of the new building will not affect the taxpayers of Lumberton.

Mayor Jackson extended a big thank you to the Lumberton Public Works Department and Tom Shover, for all the service that they provide to the community.

Mayor Jackson thanked everyone for coming out for the Re-Organization and he is looking forward to a successful 2015.

Municipal Clerk Yurko stated that there would be a meeting schedule change for 2015, Township Meetings would be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Mayor Jackson welcomed George Morris who will be serving as our Township Attorney for 2015.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jarvis offered the Benediction to the Committee and those present.

ADJOURNEMENT

Being no other business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM on motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie N. Yurko, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk